

HONORING MR. WILLIAM H. CORNELISON OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of William H. Cornelison on the occasion of his retirement as Lake County Superintendent of Public Schools. Mr. Cornelison's career in public education has been distinguished by his strong leadership and success expanding the facilities and service of the Lake County school districts.

Mr. Cornelison was born in San Bernardino, CA, and attended the University of San Diego where he received a bachelor of arts degree in history. He finished his masters of education in 1967 and went on to complete a Ph.D. in educational leadership and human behavior from U.S. International University in San Diego in 1970.

Mr. Cornelison arrived in Lake County after serving as a teacher and then principal at several schools in California. He was hired as the superintendent of the Middletown Unified School District in 1979. He moved on to Konocti Unified School District where he was superintendent from 1986 to 1994.

Mr. Cornelison was elected as Lake County Superintendent of Schools in 1994 and has served three consecutive terms. He has made numerous improvements to the schools of Lake County, and has expanded a wide range of programs which increase the opportunities for Lake County's children. These include preschool, after school, Healthy Start and early reading programs, all established to ensure our children receive the strongest possible education. He has also worked to implement vocational training for Lake County schools, including an innovative vocational agriculture program at Middletown High School.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his work with our schools, Mr. Cornelison has been active in the community working to spread the same kind of opportunities he has provided to his students. He is a long-time Rotarian, including a stint as president, and sits on the boards of North Coast Opportunities, the Lake County Community Action Council, and the Sonoma-Mendocino-Lake United Way. Additionally, he is active with the Diocese of Santa Rosa and a member of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Like his work in schools, his volunteer work contributes vastly to the quality of life in Lake County.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we congratulate Mr. William Cornelison on the occasion of his retirement as Lake County Superintendent of Schools and thank him for his long service to public education. I wish Bill, his wife Denise and their entire family all the best as he begins the next chapter in his life.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 994, EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, today we remember those who died tragically on September 11, 2001—and the family members who continue to mourn such terrible loss. We honor the strength of these Americans and we also thank the brave men and women defending America today from those who continue to seek to do us harm.

We live in a very special place. We live in a country that is built on the fundamental principle that all persons have inherent dignity and rights. The freedoms we enjoy depend on this fundamental principle. As many did in the immediate aftermath of the 9–11 attacks, Americans are willing to risk their lives for the sake of their fellow citizens—for the good of country, family, and community.

Last week I had the privilege of formally welcoming home the soldiers of the 67th Area Support Group of the Nebraska National Guard as they all returned home safely from a yearlong deployment.

What a beautiful scene! Families reunited . . . husbands and wives in loving embraces, children scrambling to greet the mom or dad they'd known only through letters and photos the year before. Parents taking up young children in their arms, some perhaps for the first time.

In their commitment and patriotism, these soldiers had given a year away from families and homes to serve their country. Many of our military service personnel will tell you that their service is driven by the events of that fateful day 5 years ago. They sacrifice so much personally to help protect our Nation.

Fortunately there has not been an attack on America for five years. This is not due to wishful thinking. This is due to the extraordinary effort to rethink and reform our national security efforts. Our military, our homeland security forces, police officers, firefighters, and emergency first responders have all played a very important role in protecting America.

Their work helps make America safer—their sacrifice keeps our families more secure.

And the compassion, sacrifice, and resolve of the American people help make our Nation great. We have faced difficult challenges of worldwide significance in the past—World War II and the Cold War. We prevailed then and we must now prevail for the good of our country and the hope of a more peaceful world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 448, my vote was not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday, September 14, 2006; however, my vote on the following rollcall would have been as follows: rollcall No. 447, H.R. 2864, "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANK L. CIMINELLI

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, with great pride and delight I rise today to honor a leader and entrepreneur who has spent his lifetime raising up not only buildings and properties, but his Western New York community as well.

Mr. Frank L. Ciminelli has literally left his mark on Western New York through his leadership, savvy, integrity and hard work as founder and head of Ciminelli Development Company, making him one of the most respected figures in the area. Headquartered in the Buffalo-Niagara region since its inception, the company has created, developed, renovated and renewed more than 9 million square feet of the region's commercial and industrial space, dotting the region's map with distinctive properties and more than 350 business tenants. Mr. Ciminelli's life and work has been fully committed to Western New York—to building and transforming the region, supporting its businesses and giving back to the community.

Mr. Ciminelli built his business and his dream from the ground up. After graduating from the Erie County Technical Institute in 1954, he started his residential construction specializing in concrete work before branching out to commercial and industrial projects. The Frank L. Ciminelli Construction Company was founded in 1960, and over the next decades Mr. Ciminelli would expand his operation into a diverse and highly successful general construction, development and management entity. Transitioning into full service real estate development, Mr. Ciminelli founded the Ciminelli Development Company in 1981. From site selection through tenant occupancy, the company now controls all aspects of its development projects, earning accolades for its quality and reliability and earning Mr. Ciminelli numerous awards, including the 1996 Niagara Frontier Executive of the Year, the 1995 Upstate New York Entrepreneur of the Year and the 1993 Buffalonian of the Year and most recently the 2006 Brick by Brick Lifetime Achievement Award.

His mark on Western New York goes far beyond his buildings, however. Mr. Ciminelli has made it a priority and personal charge to give back to the Western New York community. Involved in countless organizations—including Sisters of Charity Hospital, Sisters of Mercy,